Highlights

Refinery Activity (Million Barrels per Day)

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	Four Weeks Ending		
	05/04/01	04/27/01	05/04/00
Crude Oil Input to Refineries	. 15.7	15.5	15.1
Refinery Capacity Utilization (Percent).	. 95.5	94.1	92.8
Motor Gasoline Production	. 8.5	8.4	8.1
Distillate Fuel Oil Production	. 3.7	3.6	3.5
See Table 2.			

Refinery operable capacity utilization for the 4 weeks ending May 4, 2001, was 3 percent above last year's rate. This week's operable capacity utilization rate was 95.8 percent. The 4 week average for motor gasoline production was 5 percent above last year's level, while distillate fuel oil production was 6 percent above.

Stocks (Million Barrels)

		Week Ending		
	05/04/01	04/27/01	05/04/00	
Crude Oil (Excluding SPR)	. 318.8	318.2	302.8	
Motor Gasoline	. 200.0	199.0	207.8	
Distillate Fuel Oil ¹	. 103.1	102.8	100.6	
All Other Oils	. 340.1	338.7	328.9	
Crude Oil in SPR ²	. 542.8	542.4	569.4	
Total	1,504.8	1,501.1	1,509.5	
See Table 3.				

Crude oil stocks were 0.6 MMB higher than last week's level. Motor gasoline stocks were 1.0 MMB higher than last week's level. The current 200.0 MMB includes reformulated gasoline stocks of 39.9 MMB, but excludes oxygenate stocks of MTBE and fuel ethanol. At the end of March, they were about 8.4 MMB and 2.5 MMB, respectively. Distillate stocks were 0.3 MMB higher than last week's level. They are 2.5 MMB higher than last year's level, and are within the average range.

Net Imports (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	05/04/01	04/27/01	05/04/00
Crude Oil	9.7	9.7	9.0
Petroleum Products	1.5	1.3	1.0
Total	11.2	11.0	10.0
See Table 1.			

Net imports of crude oil and petroleum products during the 4 weeks ending May 4, 2001 were 12 percent higher than the levels for the same period last year.

Products Supplied (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	05/04/01	04/27/01	05/04/00
Motor Gasoline	8.6	8.5	8.3
Distillate Fuel Oil	3.8	3.7	3.5
All Other Products	6.9	6.7	6.9
Total	19.2	18.8	18.7
See Table 9.			

Over the past four weeks, motor gasoline product supplied was 4 percent above last year's level, while distillate fuel oil product supplied was 8 percent above.

Prices (Cents per Gallon except as noted)

		Week Ending	9
	05/04/01	04/27/01	05/05/00
World Crude Oil	25.81	24.89	24.70
Spot Prices			
WTI Crude Oil - Cushing			
(Dollars per Barrel)		28.35	27.37
Conv. Regular Gasoline - NYH		98.75	84.23
RFG Regular - NYH		112.90	91.10
No. 2 Heating Oil - NYH		76.23	67.96
No. 2 Low-sulfur Diesel Fuel - NYH		77.23	70.46
Kerosene-Type Jet - NYH		82.73	72.09
Residual Fuel - NYH		56.26	54.24
Propane - Mont Belvieu	52.44	54.00	46.88
	05/07/01	04/30/01	05/08/00
Retail Prices			
Motor Gasoline - Regular	170.3	162.6	145.5
Conventional Areas	166.5	158.5	142.2
Oxygenated Areas	171.5	164.2	146.0
OPRG Areas		165.8	150.7
RFG Areas	180.5	173.2	153.9
On-Highway Diesel Fuel	147.0	144.2	140.2
Source: Reuters Ltd.			

See Tables 12-14 and 16.

The average world crude oil price on May 4, 2001 was \$25.81 per barrel, up \$0.92 from the previous week and \$1.11 more than last year. WTI was \$28.41 per barrel on May 4, 2001, \$0.06 more than the previous week and \$1.04 more than last year. The spot price for conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor was 101.98 cents per gallon, up 3.23 cents from last week and 17.75 cents higher than last year. The spot price for diesel fuel in the New York Harbor on May 4, 2001 was 77.93 cents per gallon, 0.70 cent more than one week ago and 7.47 cents more than last year.

The national average retail regular gasoline price soared to the highest ever recorded by this survey (dating from August 1990), rising for a sixth consecutive week to 170.3 cents per gallon on May 7, 2001. This was an increase of 7.7 cents from last week and was 24.8 cents higher than a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price increased to 147.0 cents per gallon on May 7, 2001, rising 2.8 cents from last week and 6.8 cents more than last year.

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Distillate fuel oil stocks located in the "Northeast Heating Oil Reserve" are not included. For details see Appendix C.

² Crude oil stocks in the SPR include non-U.S. stocks held under foreign or commercial storage agreements. Note: Data may not add to total due to independent rounding.